

# **NEWTON YOUTH COMMISSION Meeting**

**May 7, 2008 MINUTES**

**Location: Newton City Hall Cafeteria**

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Present:	Richard Dyer, Donna Gordon, Matt Green, Officer Jim O'Loughlin, Terance Sack, Robert Staulo, Sharon O. Stout, Stephanie Pelkowsky, Kirsten Tuohy; <u>Students</u> : (none)
Regrets:	Anthony Bibbo, Marianne Cook, Joe DeVito (Chair), Peter Harrington, Joanne Kazarian, Stephen Ross, John Staulo <u>Students</u> : Greg Kelley, Kira Mascho, Devin Perry, Katie Sanders, Theresa Staulo
Staff:	Beverly Droz, Director, Human and Volunteer Services
Guests:	Jennie Krems from NSHS, Ellen Manning – Teen Reach

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The meeting was opened at 7:10pm.

The meeting was chaired by Commissioner Donna Gordon.

**A motion to accept the minutes of April 2, 2008 was passed.**

## **Treasurer's report:**

We received the FCD bill for NSHS of \$812.12 which leaves a balance for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of \$1,298.12. We estimate NNHS seminars at \$800, leaving approx. \$400 for Youth Award Dinner & supplies. The YC revolving account balance is \$606.12

## **Programs:**

### FCD:

The annual Freedom from Chemical Dependency forum at NSHS is scheduled for May 16.

We have permission from the Freedom from Chemical Dependency forums to tape the program. We'll need to connect with New TV to arrange a taping. Kirsten will email the May 16<sup>th</sup> FCD schedule to Bev. She will send it out to all.

## **Youth Foundation Sub-Committee & Fundraising Committee Reports:**

Joe, Rick Peter & Matt met last week to discuss this. Peter and Rick have put together the paperwork to file as a non-profit. They've been in touch with the Mayor. They would like to start a Board of Directors who can help generate fundraising.

At the same time, they want to continue with a fundraising sub-committee of youth and Youth Committee adults to help with general fundraising.

A discussion of the Youth Commission brochure is needed.

Bev handed out the student application with the Youth Commission mission and goals, which we'll start using to formalize the application process.

Donna coordinates the Step Up day of freshmen and she suggested the older Youth Commission students come to tell the younger students what the meetings are like.

There was discussion of getting more than 5 High School students involved on the Commission. While the Ordinance states 5 youth, we can appoint these additional students as alternates.

**Award Event**

This June will be our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Leadership Award dinner and meeting. Deb D'Arcy is this year's recipient. She is a long time child advocate and juvenile probation officer for Newton. The event will be June 10<sup>th</sup> in the City Hall Cafeteria at 6:30pm.

**Other Business**

Bev reported that the Youth Interagency Task Force meeting will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10-1:30am at City Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Jennie Krems suggested out reach at upcoming Falls Ball event and other such events.

Terry Sack reported that he's discussing Youth Commission financial sponsorship with SCORE!. We'd help disseminate their programs if their programs are free, and they may potentially get some advertising space on our booklets.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.**

**The next meeting will be June 10 at 7:30pm in the City Hall cafeteria, following the Award dinner.**